

# SALEM SPIRIT OF LIFE CHURCH NEWS LETTER

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## *Salem Spirit of Life Wish List:*

1. Need for Food and Non Food Supplies to help those in need. This is a continual drive every Sunday you are asked to bring canned food or household items that folks can't purchase with food stamps. Our need is great and every item helps us help someone else.
2. Help us raise funds through the internet by using Good Search. See insert for more details. Everyone searches for something on the internet and this doesn't cost you any money but can help raise money for the Church.
3. We are looking for an individual who would like to lead us in Music during our Services. Guitar or Piano player. Contact Pastor Don at 503-689-1436.
4. We are in need of someone with carpentry skills to make a Baptismal Font.
5. If you would like to take an active role during our Worship Services see the book rack for a list of ways you can help. We have a special need for someone to lead a Sunday School program.

If you would like to know more about Salem Spirit of Life attend a Membership Night on the first Wednesday of every month. Time 7:00PM in the Church Office 1380 Hines St SE Salem.

## Pastor's Corner

In January my messages were about relationships, not only our personal relationships with one another but our relationship with God. Our relationship with God begins at Baptism. Water baptism is an act of obedience for the believer. It is usually preceded By repentance, which simply means "change". It is turning from our sin and selfishness to serve the Lord. It means placing our pride, our past and all of our possessions before the Lord. It is giving control of our lives over to Him. The day of our Baptism is not the end but the beginning of our relationship with God. We said to keep our relationship alive we must spend time daily with prayer, meditation and reading of scripture and attend Worship Services on a regular basis. We must listen to the Word of God through attending regular worship services or bible studies. We must then learn to be a good speaker of the Word of God to others. Not only to speak the Word but to live the Word in our daily actions.

March 9th marks the beginning of Lent. We will hold our Ash Wednesday service at 7PM. Lent is the season of preparation before Easter. Lent is a time of reconciliation, a time when we make space in our lives to think about our relationship with our heavenly Father and the ways in which we are responding or failing to respond to his love and care for us. The key to our renewal of spirit in the Lenten observance is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is a good time to focus on prayer, especially the prayer of the church in our Worship Services. During Lent, we are called to have a change of mind and heart. It involves taking a look at where we are and trying to see where we ought to be. How do our values compare to the values that Jesus offers His followers? During this Lenten Season I would like for us to concentrate on improving our relationship with God through regular attendance at Worship.

# Happenings at SSOL

February: Feb 9th Bible Study we begin a 10 week session on Moses the Reluctant Leader 7P-8P each Wednesday night through April 13th.

March 9th Ash Wednesday Service 7PM  
(Beginning of Lent)

March 13th Daylight Savings Time

April 17th 10 AM Palm Sunday Service

April 21st Holy Thursday Service 6:30PM followed by Soup Supper – Sign up on the Announcement Table.

April 22nd Good Friday Service 7:00PM

April 23rd Holy Saturday – Church Open for visitations Noon-7:00PM

April 24th Easter Sunday Service 10AM

Don't forget the upcoming Art Fair on May 21st..... Artist get your sign up sheets completed and turned in for display space. Space available on first come basis.



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Remember your Pastor is available for home visits if you know someone who would like to have a visit please see Pastor Don after service or call the church phone.

If you are visiting us for the first time we hope that your worship experience enriches you and we hope to see you again soon. Please complete an information sheet so we know you were here and let us know if you would like to join our Salem Spirit of Life Yahoo group on the internet.

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### ***Pot Luck and Movie Night***

We will continue with our Pot Luck and Movie night the 3rd Friday of the month. Start Time will be 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM followed by a movie.

***Marion-Polk Food Share- 900 lbs collected in 2010.*** We are collecting nonperishables for the Marion -Polk Food Share. So far we have collected over 900 pounds since August 2009. We collected 200 lbs from the Art Fair.

### ***Good Search Update:***

Another way of support Salem Spirit of Life is through Good Search. Instructions on how to use Good Search can be found at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). **Remember to tell your family and friends.** As of 2-26-11 we have raised approximately **\$2.72** towards next year. ***Thanks everyone!***